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JEWISH NEW YEAR BEGINS TOMORROW

Observed by People of Race as Religious Festival.

Origin of Observance When Israel Occupied Palestine and Season of Work Commenced.

WHAT CELEBRATION MEANS

The Jewish New Year, which begins Wednesday eve and whose observance is continued until sunset Thursday, is next to the Day of Atonement, the most solemn day in Israel's calendar of holidays. Its observance dates back several centuries prior to the present era. When Israel dwelt in Palestine, and was engaged in tilling the soil, and all of its principal festivals were determined and characterized by some particular phase in agricultural life, as plowing, seeding, growth and reaping of the grain and harvesting.

The New Year marked the beginning of agricultural activities in Palestine, and hence the opening of the economic year. After the Jews were deprived of their fatherland and were scattered throughout the world, the observance of this day was, nevertheless, continued, though its character and significance were somewhat changed. Since the Jews were usually governed in civil and economic matters by the laws and customs that prevailed in the land where in they dwelt, this day came to be regarded by the Jews as the New Year less in a civil, and more in a religious sense, as it marks the beginning of Israel's season.

Based upon the passage Lev. xxii, 24: "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, shall be a solemn rest unto you, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convention." It came to be regarded primarily as a "day of memorial," and as the "judgment day," when all the inhabitants of the world, according to an old rabbinical interpretation, pass before the Creator for judgment. Hence the day became one of most solemn significance, and was largely given over to reflection and self-examination, and the days intervening between its commencement and the close of the "day of atonement," were designated as the days of penitence, or the season of repentance. Not that man could not, or would not repent on any other day, for it was a common saying, "repent one day before thy death (i. e. every day, for no man knoweth the day of his death), by the rabbi of old, understanding well that there is a time for everything, and knowing that in the strain and stress of every day life, most men find but little time for reflection and self-scrutiny and repentance, thought it desirable that man should have a special season of self-communion and repentance, during which he might live on a higher and loftier spiritual and moral plane.

It is the beginning of this season, that the holiday, which falls on Thursday next marks, and so deeply has it entered into the consciousness of the Jewish people, and so great is the tradition and the age and the convention attached to it, that almost every one who calls himself a Jew will observe this day and the Day of Atonement, even though he observes nothing else that is Jewish. Nearly every Jewish house throughout the country is closed on the day, and all work and labor suspended.

The New Year day has its own joyful and joyous aspect, too, even as the civil New Year has. New Year cards are sent from one to the other and New Year's greetings and visits are commonly exchanged. Thus it becomes a day of serious contemplation and self-communion on the one hand, and a day of hope and cheer and good fellowship on the other, which sunny day is characteristic of most Jewish festivals.

RAINS DO DAMAGE

To Section Near Lincoln, Nebraska—Bridges and Tracks Swept.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 18.—A tremendous rain which fell in and around Lincoln last night and today caused heavy damage. The Union Pacific suffered at Valparaiso, Raymond and Wahoo. The Northwestern's track was also damaged. In Raymond, four inches of water fell in a few hours. Many bridges were run through the streets.

NEW GUARD FOR CZAR CHOSEN.

General de Duilin to Succeed Trepoff at Imperial Palace.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 18.—General de Duilin, former prefect of St. Petersburg, will succeed the late General Trepoff as commandant of the imperial palace. The police at Warsaw today discovered the headquarters of the revolutionaries in Leszno street and seized a supply of bombs and weapons and important documents. Two terrorists were executed in the citadel of Warsaw yesterday.

GOV. BECKHAM AT MAYFIELD.

Spoke to a Packed Courthouse of Democratic Voters.

Mayfield, Ky., Sept. 18.—Governor Beckham spoke here yesterday to a packed courthouse of Democratic voters. He spoke about one hour and a half, during which time he received the very closest attention. He was very respectful in speaking of his opponent, Senator McCreary, but his exposition of his critics was strong and severe. He made a fine impression.

MORE MONEY

NEEDED TO BUY MATERIAL FOR HOSE DRYING EQUIPMENT.

Sufficient Funds Appropriated Only to Build "Drying House" for One Station.

The fire and police commissioners have rejected the appropriation of the council for "drying houses" for the Nos. 2, 3 and 4 fire stations because it is not sufficient to build the three houses.

"Seventy-eight dollars will build one dry house; that is the timber bill will be covered by this and the labor will be furnished by the firemen," Chief Woods stated. "We want three houses and it will take a total of \$234 for the three. The dry houses will make it possible to dry hose quickly, thus preserving it, and will be economical. It will save the city hundreds of dollars on hose, especially 'rag hose' which rots when not immediately dried.

Archbishop and Cardinal. Baltimore, Md., Sept. 18.—Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, and Bishop O'Gorman, of Sioux Falls, S. D., who came to Baltimore yesterday to pay their respects to Cardinal Gibbons, left for Washington today. The Archbishop had a conference with Cardinal Gibbons today but would not disclose its nature.

TYPHOON

DESTROYS SHIPPING IN PORT OF HONG-KONG.

Kills Hundreds of People, Mostly Sailors, and Wrecks Vessels—Without Any Warning.

Manila Sept. 18.—Without the slightest warning Hong Kong was visited today by a terrible typhoon, which swept across the island on which the city is located and wrought great damage in the harbor. The news was cabled from Hong Kong. Great property loss is reported and hundreds of lives. It is reported the coast for miles is lined with the wreckage of small craft, caught in storm, and driven ashore. The loss of life is heaviest among the crews of vessels in port. A hundred sailors lost their lives in the breakers. The German steamer, Joanne, and the British steamer, Cheung, went down with all hands. It is reported. Business is at a standstill. The natives are almost in a panic.

Mr. Arthur Y. Martin has returned after a long visit in central Kentucky for his health.

It is the daily average circulation of a newspaper that the shrewd advertiser investigates—"High Water" days don't count. The Sun's daily average last month was 3940.

SEWER DISTRICT IN ROWLANDTOWN

Committee of Whole to Discuss Project Tonight.

Will Require Six Districts to Drain Paducah With Four Sanitary Outfall Sewers.

COUNCIL PLANS FOR FUTURE

In committee of the whole, and separate sessions last night the general council ratified the contract with the Thomas Bridges' Sons for the construction of the sewer in district, No. 2, between Ninth and Thirteenth, Jones and Trimble streets, and tonight the two boards will meet jointly again for the purpose of considering plans for sewer district, No. 3. This, it is understood, is to take in Rowlandtown and the section of the city north of Trimble street to the western limits.

It will require six districts to completely sewer Paducah, Districts, No. 1 and 2, extend from the river to Thirteenth street and Jones street to Trimble street. District No. 3, will comprise the northern section. District, No. 4, perhaps, will embrace the territory between Jones street and Island creek, the river and the western limits, while Mechanicsburg necessarily must have its own district.

Districts, No. 1 and 2, use the same outfall main for sanitary sewerage, having also a storm water outlet back of the railroad shops. District, No. 4, will connect with this system.

The others will all have separate outlets into the river. The proposed district, No. 3, will drain into the Ohio river in the north end of the city.

The work will not be undertaken this year.

ON SKULL

YOUTHFUL TERRORS OF HELLETTOWN SWEAR.

"Jesse James, Jr., Gang" Confess to Stealing Books After Plotting to Murder.

Easton, Pa., Sept. 18.—Two members of the "Jesse James, Jr., gang" of Hellestown, which had planned, among other crimes, to wreck a train, burn up a mill and blow up a hall, were arraigned before Judge Scott today, pleaded guilty to the larceny of books from the public school buildings at that place, and were sent to the house of refuge.

Chief of Police Zimpfer testified that "Capt." Nast had made a confession after his arrest in which he told of the oath each member of the gang had taken. The oath follows:

"I swear on this skull, the emblem of death, to be true to the Black Flag under which I have enlisted. I will be faithful and true to my comrades in all action and will obey the commands of my captain. Father or mother, wife or child shall not be sacred in my eyes if my duty demands their death. If I fail in any of these things, may I be killed and my bones left to bleach like this skull I now grasp. This is my oath."

WONDERFUL AUTO.

Stensland's Scheme for Self-Oiling Motor.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Bank President Paul O. Stensland, in his Steel Ball company, rivaled the famous Keeley as a money hopper for the credulous. A mysterious automobile according to a machinist who worked at the plant of the Steel Ball company, constituted its entire output. This automobile is estimated to have cost \$182,500. It takes rank as the most expensive automobile in the world.

The automobile had for its mystery part a device by which the machine was to be oiled automatically for an indefinite period, regardless of the flight of time or the caprices of the Standard Oil company. All that the prospective owner had to do was to buy the machine. Automatically it did all the rest, including the payment of Evanston fines for exceeding the speed limit.

THEFTS ON OCEAN LINER.

Many of the Passengers Are Placed Under Suspicion.

New York, Sept. 18.—The American liner New York reached her pier with many of her passengers unconsciously under suspicion. On the way over J. S. B. Thompson, of Atlanta, reported that he had been robbed of a Swiss gold watch valued at \$1,000, and a day later J. Carroll Payne, of the same place, reported to the captain the loss of \$350. As soon as the New York could reach the wireless station a local detective agency was informed, and it had several men on the pier when the vessel arrived. They consulted the steamship officers and examined several of the employees, but no arrests were made.

ZIMMERMAN IS NOW FOR BRYAN

Ohio Democrat Unreservedly Indorses Nebraskan.

Springfield, O., Sept. 18.—John T. Zimmerman, conservative candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1903 against Tom Johnson, has broken his silence of a year or more and comes out squarely for Bryan. Zimmerman admits he supported Bryan in a lukewarm manner in 1896 and in 1900, but says he is now for him unreservedly. He declares Bryan has said nothing about government ownership that any conservative Democrat cannot indorse. He believes Bryan does not expect to make it an issue, but to hold in reserve as an ultimate remedy in case present laws are not effective.

\$200,000 DEFAULTER IS CAUGHT.

T. W. Alexander, Missing Head of Georgia Cotton Firm, Is Caught.

Augusta, Ga., Sept. 18.—Thomas W. Alexander, head of the largest cotton firm in Augusta, who two months ago disappeared after having defaulted for approximately \$200,000, has been arrested by a private detective agency in Pittsburgh and has agreed to come back to Augusta without requisition papers.

SCIENCE TEACHER

RESIGNS AFTER ONE TRIAL AND ANOTHER IS SOUGHT.

Principal Is Needed for McKinley Building, the Latest Addition to System.

One day was the extent of Prof. M. C. Vick's service in the High school as master of science. He did not feel capable of doing the work, and resigned the position yesterday afternoon. "It is not an easy matter," said Supt. Lieb, "to secure a man who can fill the position, but I have telegraphed three teachers and expect to hear from one of them at once. I hope to secure a man for the place by the end of the week."

Prof. G. F. Miller, of Farmington, Mo., who has accepted the position of assistant principal at the High school, is detained and will not reach Paducah this week. He probably will be on hand Monday.

This morning Miss Mary Brazelton was installed as a teacher of English in departmental work. She is a sister of Miss Ada Brazelton.

The McKinley school is crippled by lack of a regular principal. The place is being held open because of the fact that the arbitration committee has not acted. Attorney John G. Miller is away from the city and cannot attend. Until he does the committee cannot meet.

Prof. J. M. Billington, county school superintendent, acted as principal at the McKinley school last week. This week Prof. C. Harrison, of the county schools, is acting. The officials are anxious to get this position filled.

B. & O. Connecting Link.

New York, Sept. 18.—The Tribune says: E. H. Harriman and his associates, it was said yesterday, in quarters usually well informed, have acquired control of the Baltimore and Ohio and propose using it, with probably the Chicago and Alton as a connecting link in forming with the Union Pacific through line from ocean to ocean.

Stewart Withdraws.

Denver, Col., Sept. 18.—It was announced that Philip B. Stewart, of Colorado Springs, the Republican nominee for governor of Colorado has withdrawn from the ticket on account of ill health.

SENTENCED FOR LIFE WAS JAMES GRAHAM

End of What Promised to be One of Paducah's Murder Mysteries. He Confessed.

TRIAL LASTED JUST FIVE MINUTES

SPEED OF JUSTICE.

Killed Claude Bass Aug. 21. His victim died August 23. Bass identified August 26. Graham caught Sept. 11. Made a confession in jail. Was indicted September 15. Given life sentence today.

M'CRACKEN

WILL BE REPRESENTED AT DEVELOPMENT CONVENTION.

Delegates Chosen by Commercial Club at Meeting Last Night—Local Man Reads Paper.

McCracken county will be represented at the state development convention which meets at Winchester, Ky., the second week in October. Nearly every county in the state is enlisted in the movement and the Paducah Commercial club has taken up the matter in behalf of local interests.

At a meeting last night S. A. Fowler, Hon. Charles K. Wheeler, W. F. Paxton, R. L. Reeves and Secretary D. W. Coons were chosen delegates. All of them will attend if possible.

Secretary Coons is on the program for a paper, detailing the work of the Southwestern Kentucky Immigration association, which will be organized at the convention in this city October 4 and 5.

Raging Storm Headed Inland.

Washington, Sept. 18.—The storm which raged off the Carolina coast today is centered tonight over eastern Georgia. The weather bureau announced that the storm is of a destructive character and is probably headed inland for the Mississippi valley.

TRAVESTY

WAS TRIAL OF TWO HUNDRED PRISONERS BY COURT-MARTIAL.

Sentenced to Death by Officers Who Organized Massacre at Siedlice—No Mercy.

Warsaw, Sept. 18.—Arraigned for trial before a military court composed of officers who recently organized the terrible massacre at Siedlice, 200 terrorists today were condemned to death. Such travesty justice never before witnessed, not even in Russia. The fate of the prisoners was foretold as soon as it was learned they would be tried by court martial. The authorities at St. Petersburg have been asked to commute the sentences. Under the new Russian order providing for military trials execution must follow in 48 hours after the sentence is pronounced.

Grand Circuit Opens.

Columbus, O., Sept. 18.—The opening day of the Columbus Grand circuit race meeting brought forth splendid weather fast track and a number of record breaking performances.

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday with probably showers in east portion. The highest temperature reached yesterday was 90 and the lowest today was 70.

James Franklin Graham, 19 years old, pleaded guilty to murdering Claude Bass and robbing him of his money this morning in circuit court and in five minutes after he was arraigned and entered his plea he was en route back to jail sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary for life.

Graham took the punishment calmly and his abject appearance as he sat with downcast eyes and hung head excited pity.

On the night of August 21 Claude Bass and James Graham met at Ninth street and Kentucky avenue, and got drunk. They went on the north side to see women. Graham suggested a skiff ride and they walked to the river to secure a skiff but could not rent one. It is presumed that Graham had the idea of striking Bass with an oar and probably stunning him to secure the money and then drop him into the river.

Falling in this attempt the two started towards Sixth street and when the rear of the old Durrett slaughter pen was reached, Graham secured an iron bar and attacked his companion. He must have struck him several blows judging from the condition of Bass' skull when his body was found the next morning.

Bass was taken to Riverside and operated on but he died the next morning. Graham had left town but returned the night before Bass died. Learning the next morning that his victim had expired, Graham left and did not return until a few days ago when he was arrested by Policeman F. M. Matlock.

In the meantime Policeman James Clark had worked up the case and secured an affidavit from Mrs. Fletcher to the effect that Graham came to her house the night of the murder, washed blood from his hands and confessed to her he had killed a fellow named Bass with an iron bar, because he would not go to sleep so he could rob him without hurting him.

At first Graham denied everything. Two days later he confessed that he did kill Bass but in self-defense. He claimed he did not rob him, however, but that he had to strike because Bass attacked him with a pistol. He claimed he did it with wagon spoke.

Saturday Graham weakened, and told Policeman James Clark all the facts, but still stuck to the self-defense plea. The confession was printed in full in The Sun.

Sunday and Monday Graham deliberated. He seemed worried and would not talk much about the murder. He would say little to reporters and visitors and this morning while in jail announced that he was tired of the fight and was going to give up.

"I am going to plead guilty," he stated when being taken to the jail, "and will beg the mercy of the court."

Graham was arraigned, the indictment read by the clerk, and a plea of guilty entered. The indictment was explained to the jury and Commonwealth's Attorney John G. Lovett, recommended, on account of Graham's age, to fix his punishment at life imprisonment in the penitentiary.

The jury so declared without leaving the room.

Graham appeared weak and sick. He would talk to no one.

Graham has a mother, Mrs. Jeanie Shaw living near Terrell and Sixth streets.

Mystery Cleared.

The conviction of Graham clears up what promised to be Paducah's most startling murder mystery. Bass had laid unconscious in the weeds from 10 o'clock at night until 8 o'clock the next morning and when found there was not an article on his person by which to identify him. His face was bruised and crushed beyond the possibility of recognition. He came here from Grayville, Ill. The Saturday before the murder and he was not identified until after his body was buried. Then several false clues led the police astray until Patrolman Clark secured Mrs. Fletcher's affidavit.